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Docket No. PD-200029

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Frank A. Hagen, et al.

Serial No. 09/576,652

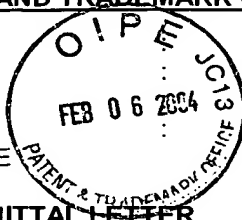
Filed: May 22, 2000

For: MULTI-NODE POINT-TO-POINT SATELLITE
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM EMPLOYING MULTIPLE
GEO SATELLITES

Date: February 6, 2004

Group Art Unit: 2684

Examiner: Dean, Raymond S.



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time for months(s) to respond to the Office Action dated
If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Fee \$
An extension for months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of
is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \$

Extension fee due with this request \$

X Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

X No additional fee for claims is required.

X The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED									
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE		ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	19	minus	20*	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	\$ -0-	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	minus	3	=	0	x	\$ 86.00	\$ -0-	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS						+	\$ 290.00	\$ -0-	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:								\$ -0-	

Charge \$ -0- to Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation, El Segundo, California. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. If any additional extension fee is required, please charge to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. This form is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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